

Westchester Youth Football League, Inc.

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

All parents/guardians who have children participating within the Westchester Youth Football League, Inc. (WYFL) must abide by a Code of Conduct, which includes the provisions that follow. Any violation of these rules or any Chicagoland American Youth Football (CAYF) conference rules will result in immediate expulsion from the WYFL and CAYF. In addition, you will forfeit your registration for the current season and be subject for review for any other subsequent year.

All Parents/Guardians Agree To:

1. I/We will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, official and WYFL board members at every game.
2. I/We will place the emotional and physical well-being of my/our child ahead of my/our personal desire to win.
3. I/We will ask my/our child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability. I/We also agree to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
4. I/We will do my very best to make sure my child arrives and is picked up at the scheduled time for all practices, games and other WYFL events.
5. I/We agree to not smoke on the practice or playing field, or in the presence of a gathering of the team/squad at any WYFL or CAYF game or event.
6. I/We agree to abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on the practice or playing field, or in the presence of a gathering of the team/squad at any WYFL or CAYF game or event.
7. I/We agree not to deliberately incite and/or participate in unsportsmanlike conduct at any WYFL or CAYF game or event
8. I/We agree not to use abusive or profane language or actions at any time at any WYFL or CAYF game or event.
9. I/We agree not to interfere with or come near the scale /ID check-in area at the football field, where the weigh-in/ID check-in and pre-game check-in is taking place with the representatives from the opposing team.
10. I/We agree not to criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate or otherwise incite the opposing team, its players, coaches, cheerleaders, fans, officials, judges or CAYF commissioners by word of mouth or by gesture.
11. I/We agree to take responsibility for any actions that violates this Code of Conduct by a guest or relative of attending parent/guardian.
12. I/We agree to never protest a game official, judge or CAYF commissioner's decision in an aggressive demonstrative manner, which might incite violent or aggressive fan involvement.
13. I/We agree to accept all decisions of the game officials, judges or CAYF commissioners as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
14. Any act of disrespect from a parent/fan directed towards game officials, judges, WYFL board members or CAYF commissioners, creating a disturbance either in the stands or on the playing field, or resulting in an ejection from the game, will be penalized immediately by the game official, judge, WYFL board member or CAYF commissioner. The assessed penalty will not require a hearing prior to being assessed. However, any penalty assessed to any individual may be appealed in writing to the Chicagoland American Youth Football conference board of Presidents, within 72 hours from the time the penalty was assessed. The appeal will be handled in accordance with the American Youth Football Administration Manual.
15. I/We agree if I/We have been ejected or removed from any WYFL or CAYF function I/We will refrain from attending any practices/games/events for the period of my punishment.
16. I/We agree to follow the proper Chain of Command when filing a complaint or voicing my opinion regarding any possible rule infraction or concern within the WYFL or CAYF organization. You may only advance to the next level in the chain of command providing your situation has not been handled within 72 hours from your initial filing. *If you go directly to American Youth Football without permission, you will be removed from this Conference WITHOUT the right to appeal.*

The Chain Of Command is as follows:

1. The Head Football/Cheer Coach of your child's team. If your complaint is regarding the Head Coach you may go directly to the League President/Cheer Director.
2. The President or Cheer Director of your Association.
3. A letter written to the CAYF Conference.

Please retain this document for your reference

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2009 Travel Policy

In the event that any football team or cheer squad qualifies for post season (Regional and/or National) play or cheer the following travel guidelines set forth by the board of directors will apply:

- A mandatory parent meeting will be held to discuss the details of the Regional/National trip
- Travel to and from event location would be the responsibility of the parent
- Lodging and meals, if applicable would be the responsibility of the parent
- A detailed itinerary will be provided before the day of the event
- Failure to meet the itinerary will result in your son/daughters disqualification from the entire event
- Cost to participants will be based on the location and length of event, less any funds available from previous travel related fund raising activities
- The Parent's Code of Ethics will be applicable for all post season activities
- Post season participation is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged

All guidelines are subject to change upon discretion of the board.

Additional fund raising for post season activities may be available and will be discussed at the mandatory parent meeting.

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I do hereby certify by my signature below as a parent/guardian of a child participating within the Westchester Youth Football League, Inc. that I/We have read and received a copy of the Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth. I am also aware that WYFL and CAYF have a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY in effect at all times.

Travel Policy

I do hereby certify by my signature below as a parent/guardian of a child participating within the Westchester Youth Football League, Inc. that I/We have read and received a copy of the Travel Policy and agree to the terms set forth.

Image Release

I the parent/guardian understand that images of my child may be used to promote Westchester Youth Football Inc., Chicagoland AYF and/or American Youth Football in print or electronic media.

Participants Name:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____

Please keep a copy of the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct and Travel Policy for your records. This page should be turned in with the registration form and will be kept on file for the current season.

For families with multiple children, only one signature page is needed

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